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COMMENDING the Tunnel to Towers Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Central New York Tunnels to Towers 5k Run & Walk

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations of noble aims and accomplishments for their charitable endeavors which serve New York communities at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Tunnel to Towers Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Central New York Tunnels to Towers 5k Run & Walk on Sunday, August 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Tunnel to Towers Run & Walk Series was created to honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001, after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers; and

WHEREAS, The event honors all of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and supports first responders and military personnel who make extraordinary sacrifices in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The 5k Walk & Run takes place in Utica, New York, with participants beginning at the Utica 9/11 Memorial located at Sherman Drive & The Parkway, proceeding westbound over the Parkway to Oneida Street, northbound on Oneida Street to Genesee Street, then northbound on Genesee Street to the downtown finish line; this event is now the leading 5k run and walk for all of Central New York; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, there will be live entertainment, food trucks, children's activities, vendors, and a closing ceremony with awards; and

WHEREAS, This commendable organization is an asset to the State of New York, honoring fallen heroes with diligence and grace while providing opportunities for communities to grow and thrive together for a greater good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Tunnel to Towers Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Central New York Tunnels to Towers 5k Run & Walk; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.